

at O'Connell's Bar, Boston, Mass.

and marched by General Heintzelman to the rear, the rebels and his staff uncovered their heads, and he bade his command give three cheers for the First Excelsior regiment. "Soldiers," said General Heintzelman, "these men took the name of the First Excelsior regiment you and done nothing to damage it; now you have won it." He then made a soldier's recognition of bravery. The rebels were then captured by Colonel Wright, who was left for dead. When he was again conscious he was in the rebel hands. He wore many of the wounds of his regiment and of General Hooker's division. All thus captured were taken to the rebel hospital at Williamsburg, and, as far as possible, their wounds kindly cared for by rebel surgeons. Next morning, as the rebels were leaving Williamsburg, the surgeon said to Colonel Wright:—"Your wounds will suffer from the removal, but you must go with us, unless you give your parole he amputate it at the door." "In that case I give you my parole," was the answer. He was left with the other wounded, and in a short time received a corollary greeting from one of General Heintzelman's staff. The surgeon then took him immediately, and General McClellan himself came to him, taking him by the hand, said, "Colonel, I thank you and your regiment for your gallant and heroic conduct."

There is nothing to add to this story, save the state under the care of friends at Washington.

It may be justly claimed for Colonel Wright and the First Excelsior regiment, which he commanded, that they did most signal service in as hard a fought field as was ever known in this country at least. "More so," says a brave general, who has commanded a brigade on that occasion, and who we have already quoted, "than perhaps you were known except by those who participated in that action."

Composed of companies from Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Michigan, the First Excelsior regiment belongs to the country and its fame is theirs. This simple record of their trial and of their conduct is, perhaps, worthy to be known and to be remembered by the States from which they came.

OPERATIONS OF THE GUNBOATS.

Our Naval Correspondence.

Organ State Correspondence Bureau, Boston, May 23, 1862.

Delightful Scenery. James River. An Extensive Plantation and the First Railroad—A Deserted Rebel Battery—The Fleet at Anchor—Rebel Gunboats—Men Coming—On the Peninsula in Petersburg—Famine and Distitution in That City, &c., &c.

Yesterday evening the Island Belle, Cour de Lion and Stepping Stones ran alongside the Minnesota, flagship, and took in a quantity of stores, after which they proceeded up the James river in the order named and anchored a little above Newport's News last morning. At four o'clock we weighed anchor and stood up the river, in the same order in which we had, but as the Cour de Lion was very slow, we were forced to wait, and during the passage up the river we had to slacken speed, to avoid landing her out of sight, the Island Belle still remaining ahead. At some distance above Newport's News we arrived opposite a battery that had been erected by the rebels, but over which the Stars and Stripes were now waving. Continuing on our course, we arrived at Jamestown Landing, where the gunboat Port-Royal was lying, and after a boat from her had communicated with us we proceeded on our way. The river now began to contract in breadth, and the most delightful scenery came in view. Vast fields of growing alfalfa, alternated with dense clumps of woodland and leafy ground, gave way to high banks, overhanging the river on every side, while the water, under the passage of an undulating tractor. Several respectable farm houses were passed, all were a few comfortable private residences; but there were no indications of those sumptuous mansions and imposing edifices that we have been taught to consider as among the feudal appanages of the descendants of the ancient cavaliers of England, from whom the F. F. V. claim to be descended. Among other large plantations we passed one belonging to a Mr. Allen, situated on the right bank of the river, some miles above Jamestown. This gentleman's farm is so extensive that he has a private railroad, with steam power on it, by the agency of which his produce is gathered in to one common centre *near the wharf, ready for shipment*, while on the other side, *on each side, if war, or was, a garrison, with the Northern market. How the invasion has interfered with those comfortable and enterprising arrangements I am unprepared to say, but certainly Mr. Allen's fields look as green and flourishing as if war was not stalking over the land with desolating tread. On the whole, while the charms of nature on the banks of the James river are undeniable, we look in vain for those evidences of high civilization which crowd the banks of the Hudson.*

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